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Honorable Members of the House of Representatives

Dear Representative,

With the 97th Legislature kicking into gear, we wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about the upcoming public process for informing Michigan's energy future, and an open house available specifically for legislators.

Last fall, Governor Snyder delivered his <u>Special Message</u> on Energy and the Environment, in which he called on us, as the Chair of the Michigan Public Service Commission and Director of the Michigan Energy Office within the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, to convene an energy information gathering process that will provide policy makers and the public with the factual grounding to make solid energy decisions going forward. Governor Snyder intends to use the results of this process as a basis for comprehensive recommendations regarding Michigan's energy future, which he will make in December. The Governor hopes that you will find the reports very helpful in making your policy choices as well.

In order to ensure that the information gathered is suited to your needs, we will be hosting an open house specifically for legislators on **Wednesday**, **February 13** from **2** p.m. to **4** p.m. in the **Speaker's Library on the Second Floor of the Capitol**. Legislators are welcome to drop in at any time during this window to provide a presentation or oral comments to highlight existing information that should be considered, or to request gathering of specific information that is not already available.

In addition, we have scheduled seven public forums in areas around the state, as well as created a new website. The seven Michigan Energy Public Forums will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates at the locations listed:

Lansing

Thurs., February 14 Library of Michigan 702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48909

Grand Rapids

Monday, Feb. 25
Grand Valley State University
Loosemoore Auditorium
401 Fulton St. West
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

University Center (Tri-Cities area)

Monday, March 4
Delta College
Lecture Theater
1961 Delta Rd.
University Center, MI 48710

Kalamazoo

Monday, March 18
Western Michigan University
Fetzer Center
Kirsch Auditorium
2350 Business Ct.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5239

Detroit

Monday, March 25 NextEnergy 461 Burroughs Street Detroit, MI 48202

Marquette

Friday, April 12
Northern Michigan University
Don H. Bottum University Center
Brule & Cadillac Conference Rooms
1401 Presque Isle
Marquette, MI 49855

Traverse City

Monday, April 22 Northwestern Michigan College Hagerty Conference Center 715 E. Front St. Traverse City, MI 49686

A list of speakers for each event will be available approximately two weeks before each forum. Time will be reserved for legislators and interested members of the public to speak at forums as well.

Written comments may also be submitted at <u>Michigan.gov/energy</u>. This website provides a series of questions to help guide commenters in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, the regulatory structure for electricity, as well as other energy topics. All comments

will be made available to the public for review and response, and submissions on the website will be accepted through April 25.

We look forward to undertaking this process to provide you with the best information available to make crucial policy decisions for Michigan's energy future, and we encourage you to take advantage of any or all of these opportunities to participate! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

John D. Quackenbush, Chairman Michigan Public Service Commission

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Steve Bakkal, Director Michigan Energy Office

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